

June 23, 2003

## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kazuhiro OMORI and Kazumi NAITO  
NIOBIUM POWER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY USING THE POWER  
AND CAPACITOR USING THE SAME  
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.  
Our Ref: Q75941  
Continuation of Application No.: 09/842,627

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/842,627 (Confirmation No. 8830) filed April 27, 2001 of Kazuhiro OMORI and Kazumi NAITO entitled NIOBIUM POWER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY USING THE POWER AND CAPACITOR USING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2831.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P2000-131288	April 28, 2000
US	60/232,433	September 14, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/842,627.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$750.00</b>



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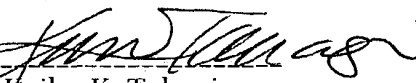
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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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